

# Water Storage

## Benton Franklin Health District Emergency Preparedness Fact Sheets

When storing water make sure to use food grade containers, such as soda pop bottles. Use bottles that have a lid that can seal tight. **ONLY USE bleach without perfumes, dyes and other additives.** Regular bleach should only have sodium hypochlorite as the active ingredient. Clean the container by using the following directions:

1. Wash and rinse the containers.
2. Sanitize the containers in a 1 tsp of bleach :1 gallon of water
3. Allow the containers to sit in the sanitizer for one minute
4. Air dry containers
5. Once air dry, add 1/8 tsp of bleach to every gallon of water
6. Seal the container tightly
7. Label the bottle with date
8. Store in a dark place
9. Replace water supply every 6 months



If a Boil Order is issued:

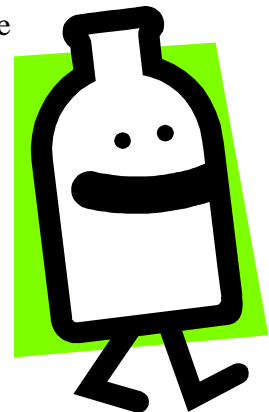
1. Bring water to a rolling boil for 3-5 minutes
2. Let the water cool
3. For better flavor, add oxygen by shaking water in a sealed container

Make a filter out of a soda pop bottle:

1. Create a funnel by cutting off top ¼ of an empty soda pop bottle
2. Place filter paper (coffee filter, cheese cloth) over spout of pop bottle
3. Secure with rubber band
4. Place funnel in bottom ¾ of pop bottle
5. Strain the water

Purify water using chlorine bleach:

1. Use the bleach that has no perfume, dye, or other additives
2. Strain the water if from surface water or if water is cloudy
3. Add 3 drops of bleach per 1 liter of water\*  
OR 10 drops of bleach per 1 gallon of water\*
4. Mix thoroughly
5. Allow the MIXTURE TO SIT for 30 minutes before using



\* if water is cloudy or surface water or very cold add 5 drops of bleach per 1 liter of water and 20 drops of bleach per 1 gallon of water